Recognition of trusts as legal entities

1335. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to recognise registered trusts as separate legal entities which are eligible to hold shares in their own names; and

(b) whether such an amendment is necessary to permit at least passive acquisition of shares, as under a will, if not active investment from trust's own funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Provisions of section 153 of Companies Act, 1956 prohibit entry of any trust as member on the register of members or debenture-holders of a company. No amendment is contemplated to the existing provision.

Also, as the subject "Trusts and Trustees" fall under entry 10 of the Concurrent List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, a general legal solution as to whether an amendment would be necessary to permit atleast passive acquisition of shares, as under a will, in respect of investments from trusts funds, cannot be given.

Guidelines for educational loans

1336. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines for educational loans;

(b) if so, the details of educational loan applications received and loans sanctioned, State-wise, category-wise, year-wise for the last three years;

(c) the details of educational loans denied, State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that many Public Sector Banks have denied educational loans to students recently which lead to suicide by many students across the country; and